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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application
Serial No.: 09/720,979 (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP99/03552)
International Filing Date: July 1, 1999
For: Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for Nerve Cell
Inventors: Fukumura et al.
Attorney Docket No.: 4001-0003

Sir:

The following documents, are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Third Preliminary Amendment;
2. Statement to Support Filing and Submission of Substitute Sequence Listing in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825;
3. Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing; and
4. One (1) Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Respectfully submitted,

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